
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE CAPITOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO TAKE STEPS
NECESSARY TO NAME THE HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL "THE DANIEL
KAHIKINA AKAKA HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL".

1 WHEREAS, Hawai'i became a state in 1959 following the
2 passage of an act by the United States Congress and enactment of
3 the law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and
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5 WHEREAS, Governor John A. Burns commissioned the new State
6 Capitol to replace the former statehouse, 'Iolani Palace, and
7 construction on the new capitol began on November 10, 1965; and
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9 WHEREAS, on March 15, 1969, the Hawai'i State Capitol was
10 opened, and since then has become a showpiece of a distinctive
11 style of design known as Hawaiian international architecture, an
12 adaptation of the modernistic Bauhaus-style that was popular in
13 the early and mid-20th century; and
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15 WHEREAS, the design is symbolic of Hawaii's beauty and
16 geographic features. For example, the reflecting pool that
17 surrounds the Hawai'i State Capitol symbolizes the Pacific Ocean;
18 the two chambers of the state legislature on the southeast and
19 northwest sides of the building are cone-shaped to represent
20 volcanoes; the twenty-four columns surrounding the building
21 resemble palm trees; and the eight columns along the front and
22 back side of the building represent each of the eight main
23 Hawaiian islands; and
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25 WHEREAS, the open sky atrium is distinct (as most other
26 capitols feature a dome-shaped covered rotunda) and is
27 reminiscent of a volcano crater, while the artistic pattern on
28 the floor at the center of the atrium is a representation of the
29 colors of Hawaii's coastal waters; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Capitol grounds also feature
32 statues of Queen Lili'uokalani and Saint Damien and two large



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1 bronze seals that proclaim the State's motto: Ua mau ke ea o ka
2 'āina i ka pono; and

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4 WHEREAS, United States Senator Daniel K. Akaka recognized
5 the State Capitol as the piko or the center and source of growth
6 for Hawai'i because the capitol is where the Legislature is
7 housed and makes decisions for the people of Hawai'i; and

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9 WHEREAS, Senator Akaka would always return to Hawai'i and go
10 back to the piko to provide state legislators with the latest
11 report on issues developing in Washington D.C. that may impact
12 the people of Hawai'i; and

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14 WHEREAS, Senator Akaka's career was dedicated to public and
15 community service from his tenure in the United States Army
16 during World War II, leadership kuleana at Kawaiaha'o Church,
17 role as a school teacher and principal at Benjamin Parker
18 Elementary School in Kāne'ohe, his appointment to the State of
19 Hawai'i Department of Education and the Hawai'i Office of
20 Economic Opportunity, and his more than three decades serving in
21 both chambers of the United States Congress; and

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23 WHEREAS, one of Senator Akaka's longstanding initiatives
24 was the advocacy for Native Hawaiian self-determination as
25 evidenced by the Apology Resolution signed by President Clinton
26 in the same year Hawai'i observed the 100th anniversary of the
27 overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, and the subsequent
28 legislation that sought federal recognition of a political
29 relationship with Native Hawaiians as an indigenous group; and

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31 WHEREAS, in honor of the late Senator Akaka, this body
32 acknowledges his service with aloha, emblematic of Hawai'i's
33 people, and seek to recognize his legacy with the naming of the
34 Hawai'i State Capitol, a symbol of Hawai'i, the Daniel Kahikina
35 Akaka Hawai'i State Capitol; and

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37 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 6E-34.5, Hawaii Revised
38 Statutes, the State Capitol Management Committee is vested with
39 the oversight and management of the State Capitol and its
40 grounds and facilities, and is the key stakeholder in
41 determining the naming of the capitol; and



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2 WHEREAS, the State Capitol Management Committee is composed
3 of representatives from the executive and legislative branches
4 of the State government, specifically the Governor's Chief of
5 Staff, the State Controller, the Director of Public Safety, two
6 members of the Senate, two members of the House of
7 Representatives, and two legislative officers; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
11 2019, the Senate concurring, that the State Capitol Management
12 Committee is urged to take steps necessary to name the Hawai'i
13 State Capitol "The Daniel Kahikina Akaka Hawai'i State Capitol"
14 in honor of Senator Akaka; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President
18 of the Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives;
19 Comptroller; Director of Public Safety; and Chair of the State
20 Capitol Management Committee.
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OFFERED BY: *Sen. J. Ige*

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